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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Please get your eyes up off that gift list — for just three minutes—before it's too late. Pull yourself out of the "gotta do this for Christmas" rut and just glide away, won't you kindly, back to the first Christmas you can remember . . .

Remember your first gift?

Remember your first tree, the overwhelming sight and smell of its green, glowing, concentrated magnificence?

Remember the way you felt? The Christmas songs you sang in First Grade the day school closed? The mystery of how he could fill your stocking and everyone else's in town? And that delicious, fearful suspense before you stole down the stairs at dawn, wondering, hoping . . .

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Bucks County lost a fine citizen on December 2, 1962. Fellow publisher and long time friend Henry Freking passed away on that date.

Henry was far from an "ordinary man." He had more careers after age 65 than most men have before that retirement age. He was responsible for the now defunct Bucks County Traveler, which, when it was published, took Bucks County to the world. He organized "Old Timers Day" in Quakertown, now a Bucks County institution.

Henry Freking was responsible for much happiness and pleasure for all of us, young and old alike. His boundless vigor and drive was an inspiration to all. He will be greatly missed.

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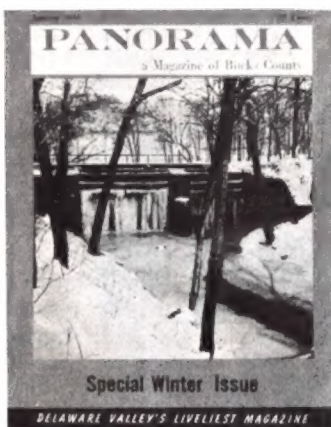
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by Bob Brugger

It was always my dream to someday own a house with a stream, a view, a fireplace and a bookshelf within reach of the bathtub. I am not quibbling about the house I finally got. It doesn't have a view. It doesn't have a stream. It doesn't have a fireplace. **BUT YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE IT HAS A BOOKCASE WITHIN REACH OF THE BATHTUB.** It's the bookshelf I want to tell you about.

It's an old house and the bathroom went as old bathrooms go: sideways; some past owner's grudging concession to indoor plumbing. It was a dark, little cubicle where even the ancient tub had to buckle at the knees to find room. Any thought of a bookshelf seemed out until one day I accidentally slipped on a bar of soap and rammed my head through the plastered wall which turned out to be re-inforced cardboard, the wall, not my head. This led, among other things, to the spare bedroom and obviously we couldn't have a hole right there in the middle of the wall. We called in a carpenter. He was about to patch up the cardboard with still more cardboard when I suddenly realized the possibilities of my life-long desire: a bookshelf! "Let's make a bookshelf out of it!", I yelled. "A bookshelf?", he gasped, standing there in the middle of the tub looking rather ridiculous himself and trying to make it out that I was some kind of a nut. "A bookcase!", I said defiantly. "To do *that*," he groaned, "you'd have to move the tub . . . better just patch this up and forget about it." It took three part-time drinking friends and one disenchanted carpenter to move the tub out into the hall. "Now how deep do you want this here linen closet?," the carpenter asked. "I only want it deep enough for a row of BOOKS; it's gonna be a BOOKSHELF," I said. "Make a dandy linen closet," he countered. "BOOKS!", I shouted.

Well, we didn't see him for three weeks but I don't count that as anything personal. The weather was against us. In Bucks County if it's an outside job you don't get the carpenters on rainy days; if it's an inside job you don't get 'em on clear days and if you're planning a bookshelf for the bathroom you pray for the monsoon season. He came back one rainy morning and by the time I had returned from my regular morning shower at the local taproom (and don't think *that* isn't a story in itself), he had finished the most fantastic *linen* closet this side of Jackie's East Wing. Eight feet high, six feet deep! "Books," I sobbed, "all I wanted was a simple, little bookshelf." He just glared at me and it's the first time I've known a Bucks County carpenter to leave an inside job on a rainy day but he left. My wife and I both heard him leave. And I think he was cussin' when he left but I don't think it was because he had anything against books, as such. I think it was mostly falling over the bathtub at the top of the stairs that made him mad.

It was easy enough for my wife and I to fill in the linen closet and make it look like a bookshelf. In view of the fact that we don't have any linen to speak of (we had our wedding during a *salad bowl* year) we just filled it with the accumulated trappings of a marriage that has lasted twenty-four hours a day, five years. Back in the dark reaches of the closet, and just beyond the complete works of Mark Twain, an eager-beaver guest will find all of the stuff we've saved for what I'll never know including several boxes of Michener and Van Zandt campaign buttons and a ton or more of chipped brown-stone from the front of the old courthouse which was given to me as a bribe for laying off saying anything further about the new one.

Now we had the most beautiful bookshelf any bathroom without a bathtub has ever had. It didn't seem right putting that old tub back into that literary retreat. This time we did it right!

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Erie, the shallowest and stormiest of all the Great Lakes, has its turbulent waters conquered by nature in the form of thick ice during the winter months. And this is when the ice fisherman goes to work. He knows what to do and is happy to share his knowledge with the novice or out-of-stater who visits northern Pennsylvania in winter.

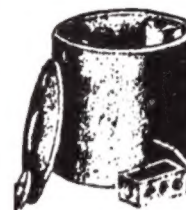
Although Lake Erie is the main center for ice fishing, the entire northern section from Lake Erie eastward to the Poconos is dotted with lakes, ponds and rivers where this old fashioned sport is enjoyed.

No matter where you go in Pennsylvania's northern counties, it's not far to winter sports activity. A ride in a horse drawn sleigh is still available if you inquire among local residents. Toboggan rides and even dog sleds have not become a part of the past completely.

More resorts and accommodations in northern Pennsylvania now remain open all year, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, and a larger variety of better quality accommodations are constantly being built.

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SEASONS GREETINGS



An Editor Reminisces



by C. Norman Detweiler

Two old Penna.-Dutch traditional customs that come to mind at the turn of the year have now almost passed into the realm of the forgotten. They are "The Shooting Out of the Old Year" and "Hunting Elbetritches."

Both had their origin in the Old World and were brought here by the early settlers, having been practised, particularly in this section of the country, for many years. However, since the turn of the twentieth century, both customs have almost ceased to exist.

Family gatherings and "Watch Night" services were more conscientiously observed in the early days than they are now on New Year's Eve, and it was at the stroke of midnight that the men folks would go outside the house and shoot off shotguns, pistols and rifles in tribute to the dying year.

Today Watch Night services are seldom held in a home, and not in as many churches as was once the custom, the trend being toward making whoopee in night clubs or otherwise "seeing the Old Year out and the New Year in." And so, with modern ways of celebrating the occasion, the traditional "shooting" has gone by the board.



ELBETRITCH HUNTING

Few, if any, of the younger generations know about Hunting Elbetritches, a prank that was perpetrated upon many an unsuspecting person in years gone by. This stunt had its origin far back in the mythology of Europe, and apparently was a popular New Year's trick, for at that time of the year an uninitiated person was told to stand out in front of the house holding an open bag in which to catch the fabled Elbetritsch. Meanwhile the rest of the party was chuckling inside the warm house and in due time someone would go upstairs and from an open window pour a bucket of water on the unsuspecting chap outside.

My recollection of playing this trick is that we did it in a somewhat different manner. Selecting someone to be the "goat" we would tell him a fabulous tale about the mythical animal and how rare and valuable it was for its fur, then on a cold night take him several miles out of town, give him a bag, and tell him to stand there very quietly while we would beat the bushes to chase the Elbetritsch his way. But instead of beating the

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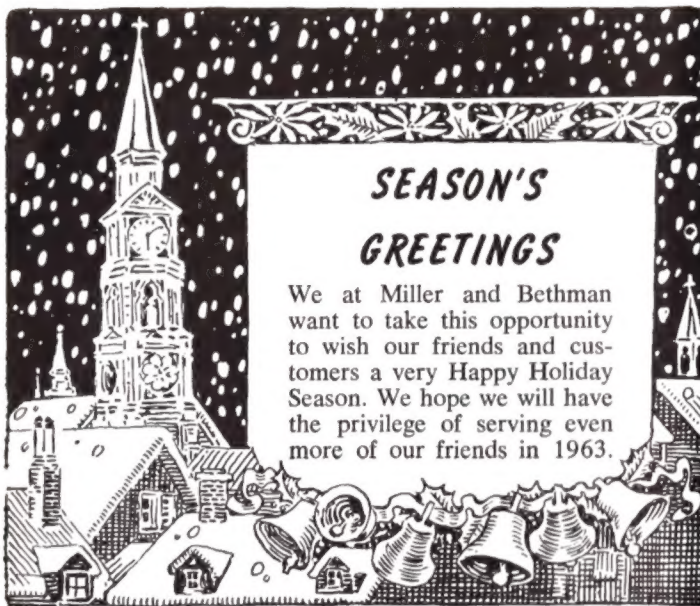
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Governor-elect William Scranton is seen here chatting with Panorama Publisher Dick Alliger when Scranton visited Doylestown recently. (Panorama Photo by Barlow)

Romance In History

One of the most romantic episodes in Pennsylvania's history was the settlement of the French Royalists at the French Asylum (Azilum) in Bradford County. The sophisticated colony of 50 log buildings included shops, inns, homes, a grist mill and a Catholic chapel. All the French notables of the day stopped there.

They built a great log house, the largest in America, as a home for the Queen who was finally lived there ten years, waiting for the day that Queen Marie Antoinette would escape her French prison and join them in Pennsylvania.



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Stained Glass Beauty

by

Helen Rowe

Back in the 12th century people couldn't read. The church lived with the perpetual problem of getting across the stories of the Bible. Frescoes depicting the stories decorated the church walls and naves. Illuminated manuscripts brought colorful scenes to the layman's eye. But the real answer to the problem came in a beautiful and fantastic discovery: stained glass.

The Egyptians worked out a form of coloring glass, but the full scope of the art didn't come into being until the 12th century in Western Europe. For two centuries after that the stained glass windows of the great Gothic cathedrals reigned supreme as the highest achievement of the era. It is said this is the one great art that registers all the million different tones of color perceived by the human eye. To the churches of the Middle Ages it was more than that . . . it was the most successful method of teaching Bible stories to the people.

Then came a set-back for the art. The Reformation swept over Europe. People began to learn, to grow, to read. Churches built their windows of clear glass so their congregations could see to read the Bibles and the hymns. After the 15th century, stained glass was considered gross and corrupt. Its popularity waned, never to be quite recaptured.

Until after the Second World War, that is.

When windows which had been removed from cathedrals in Europe for safekeeping during the war were reinstalled, many young artists recruited to repair them found new excitement in the ancient craft. From this new-found appreciation, the art received another whole new lease on life . . . the development of contemporary art. Just as the great contemporary artists began designing for ceramics, mosaics, embroidery etc, they took stained glass under their scrutiny. Such painters as Matisse and Leger were intrigued in their day by the ancient craft and made striking designs for churches. Soon commercial artists began to use the material for institutional and industrial buildings as well as for the home. A few years ago, the largest single expanse of stained glass in the world, 317 feet long, was installed in a building at Idlewild Airport in New York. College chapels, factories, shops homes . . . every type of building is displaying the evidence of the

growing trend of reintroducing the humanizing touch of color, pattern, and the unequalled beauty of the hand-wrought into our machine-made world.

Since the early 1900's, Bucks County has been a contributor to this growing revival of stained glass skill. It can be said, more specifically, to have started the day George and Alice Sotter moved from Pittsburgh to Holicong in Bucks. George had been on the faculty of Carnegie Tech's School of Fine Arts. Among his students there were Valentine D'Ogries, Forrest Crooks and Edward Byrne. After Sotter made the move to Bucks, the other three soon followed suit . . . working first for him in his stained glass studio . . . then eventually setting up their own studios. Although Valentine D'Ogries died a few years ago, his unique studio still stands and can be visited any day you're hungry . . . it is a restaurant high on a hilltop overlooking New Hope. Originally the building achieved immortality by being the school-house depicted by the primitive painter, Joseph Pickett, which hangs now in the New York Museum of Modern Art.

Today many of the greats in stained glass are gone, . . . Sotter, D'Ogries, Winifred Hyatt . . . but many greats are still with us: Edward Byrne of Doylestown . . . Richard Smith of Kintnersville . . . A peek into a studio here would show you the long painstaking process of the craft. You would see the original design on the drawing board . . . then the laid-out pattern of the whole with each segment numbered. The pieces of glass to be worked into the pattern often number in the thousands upon thousands. Each piece is mouth blown, so no two pieces are identical in depth or color. Each piece is then carefully cut to its numbered pattern and fired with extreme care. Then the particles of glass are put into position on the glazing pattern and each piece wrapped in lead. The leads are cut and fitted for soldering. In this way the framework for the glass is formed. Finally the whole is weather-proofed and ready for installation.

All of the stained glass artists of Bucks will be immortalized by their works. Take a look at the windows of Richlandtown's Evangelical and Reformed Church . . . and those of Buckingham's Trinity Church. You will be gazing at

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RACING MOTORS

Preserving Our Past

by

Warren F Williams

"Joseph, thee did a wonderful thing when thee restored the Otto".

These were the words of praise directed to Mr. Joseph Penrose of Neshaminy, Pa. by

(Above—Mr. Joseph Penrose and his collection of cars. Mr. Penrose and friend "Tabby" are seated in the 1910 Otto, and from l. to r. are, a 1929 Ford Model A stationwagon, a 1931 Ford Model A roadster and the former Warrington Fire Company's Fire truck. (Panorama photo by Warren F. Williams)

Judge George Corson, former Judge of The Montgomery County Courts.

We must agree with Judge Corson, for the Otto is a very significant automobile. Mr. Penrose's car is one of the two known Ottos to be in existence today, and that is rare.

The Otto gas engine was developed in 1867 and was used as a model for most early automobile engines.

"The Otto was almost like a member of the family. My brother bought it in 1910 and brought it to this very farm", related Joe Penrose.

"When we finally realized the shape it had fallen into, there seemed no other course open than to restore it."

Mr. Harry Ritchie of North Hills did the restoration on the Otto, as on the other three cars in the Penrose collection—a 1925 Ford, Model T Fire Truck; A 1929 Model A Ford Station Wagon; and a 1931 Ford Model A road Roadster.

The work on the Otto began in 1957 and continued for a couple of years until all four cars were completed. Mr. Ritchie's task on the Otto was greatly simplified by the use of

an original Otto catalog showing the 1910 model in considerable detail. This catalog, belonging to Mr. Penrose, is the only one known to exist.

The Penrose family owned two Otto Autos. The first one purchased was a large five passenger touring model and served as a family conveyance when the weather and road conditions permitted; otherwise, "old Dobbin" was at hand to resume his duties.

The second Otto, the roadster, was purchased by Mr. Penrose's brother, William.

Joseph "inherited" the road-

ster around 1920 and modified it considerably. He used it while attending Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall Colleges. The roadster was retired about 1930.

The family Otto went the way of most automobiles.

Warrington Fire Truck

Many of the older residents of Warrington Township will remember the second car in the Penrose collection—The original Warrington Township Fire Truck. It was a 1925 Model T chassis, which had been equipped with fire fighting gear by the American LaFrance Company.

By 1935, the Fire Company felt that the Model T was no longer giving them the kind of service they needed in terms of speed and power. Mr. Penrose, a long time member of the company, provided a Packard straight eight chassis of about 1927 vintage. This was a substantial improvement and Member Penrose received the Model T chassis in trade.

By 1955 the Packard was replaced by more modern equipment, and the American LaFrance gear and the Ford chassis were reunited. The result is the superb restoration of the community fire engine and a real tribute to the community spirit of Joseph Penrose.

As we sat in his barn, surrounded by the antique automobiles, a fine collection of automobile license plates and other relics of America's proud automotive past, Mr. Penrose expressed in part, his philosophy of his hobby.

"We are preserving part of our great past by maintaining these old cars. The preservation of America's proud past should be the business of everyone, and we auto collectors try to do our part."

At right we see two views of the 1910 Otto from Mr. Penrose's collection. The huge headlights on the 1910 Otto used acetylene. The storage tank is visible on the right running board (on the side view photo) The crank is not a dummy. This is how the car "was brought to life. Notice the speedometer drive gear on the right front wheel. The large bulb near the driver's seat is the horn. The brakes were on the rear wheels. This 1910 Otto cost \$1950.00 when brand new. (Panorama Photos by Warren F. Williams)

Mr. Penrose composed a verse about his Otto that we print herewith with his kind permission.

"The Penrose Otto"

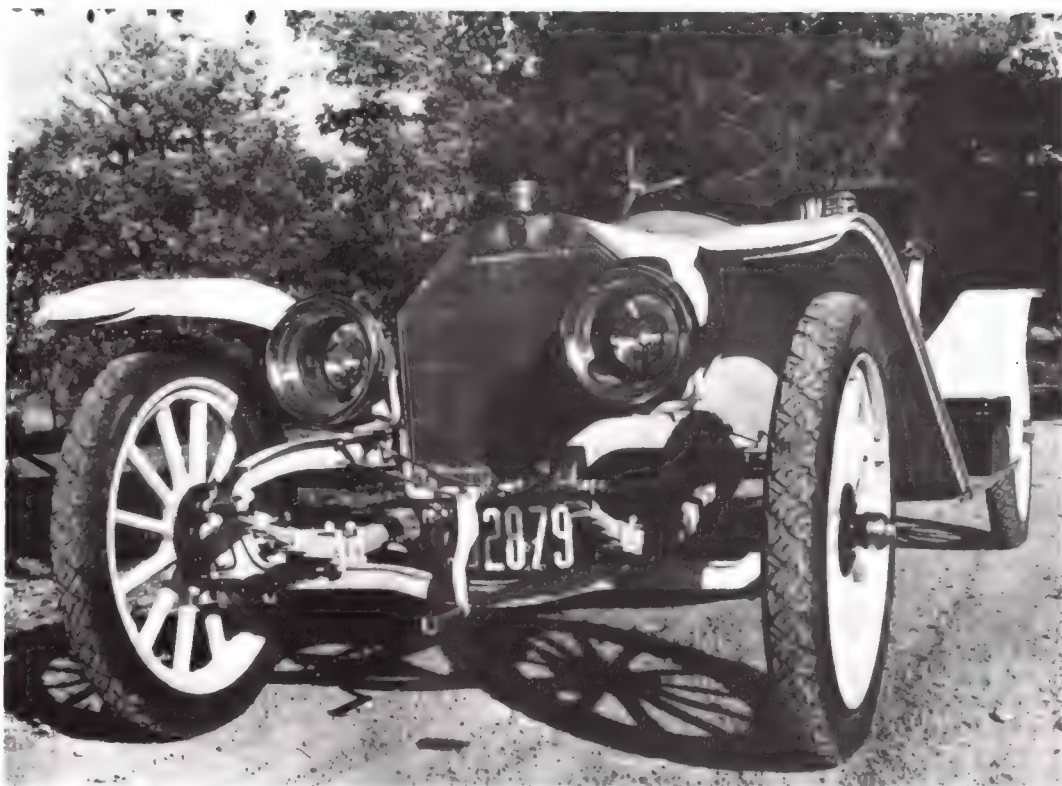
"All painted bright, with wheels made of wood,
The Otto has moved from the place where it stood.
For years it stood idle, not a spark in its plug,
But now it is running, with a familiar chug."

For Harry, with patience and care,
(Honestly, we wondered whether he could)
has brought back to life, what was under the hood.

The frame was all rusty, the wheels were not true,
And it made Harry figure, what was the best thing to do.
Now the brass is all polished, the fenders are new,
We're ready for the Turnpike, to see what she'll do."



Pictured above is the former Warrington Fire Truck, now in the Penrose collection.



The Case Of The Good Samaritan

by

Peter Phelp

George B. Wyer was a good man. He lived with his family in a little stone house in Morrisville, Bucks County. He liked to mind his own business. He liked his neighbors to mind theirs and leave him be.

One evening, however, in September of the year 1862, he found himself in a difficult position. One of Mrs. Proxmeyer's teenaged children kept running over to his house, pounding the door and calling to him.

"Please, please come over right away! Mama's in trouble! She needs you!"

The appealing face tugged his heart strings, when he'd open the door each time. Each time it became more difficult to say no.

Now it was very difficult. The child was over for the third time. He stood in the cool evening air of autumn, knocking ashes from his pipe.

"My dear child, your mother runs a beer shop. She will always be having a rowdy customer to deal with from time to time. . . ."

The child's eye opened wide. "This is not one customer. . . this is five of 'em! They be breaking every stick of furniture . . . throwing every ale mug in the place. . . .!"

George Wyer sighed.

This time he could not say no. Mrs. Proxmeyer was not only a neighbor in real trouble. She was his own wife's mother. At all costs, he must go over and see what he could do.

He put his pipe up on the mantel rack, just as he did every night, not knowing this night, he was preparing to go

out and commit murder.

He grabbed a gun. Five boisterous critters might require a strong stand.

The child guided him through a thicket at the back of their houses until they were at the back door of the Proxmeyer beer shop. A raucous laughter resounded from the front part of the house. A door slammed just as Wyer and the child entered into the kitchen. Mrs. Proxmeyer bolted back towards them, looking at the tavern room apprehensively over one shoulder as she ran.

"Praise be, George . . . you've come! Thank the Lord! This be the wildest parcel o' customers I've had since I been in business! They wouldn't have no part of payin' the bill . . . then they knocked down poor ole Chambers jist as he was servin' some soldiers an beat him up right good. Then they tossed out the soldiers. . . . When they stepped out front to boot the soldiers on their way, I ran forward and shut the door and bolted it. . . ." Mrs. Proxmeyer wiped her forehead wearily. "Now I don't know what we kin expect. . . ."

A crash of glass punctuated her final remark. The window panes in the tavern were tinkling to the floor, one after another as stones came pelting through.

Wyer glanced into the tavern room. It looked like a field of corn, mowed down by a fall storm. Tables overturned, bottles reeling across the wide planked floors, stones heaving against chairs, plate racks, sending pewter plates and mugs

spinning through the air. Outside the group was yelling like a tribe of Indians.

Suddenly the shouting stopped. There was a consultation. In a moment, it started afresh, coming around the side of the house. Wyer sprang to the kitchen door, rammed the bolt tight into place, leaning his weight against it. In a matter of seconds the group was on the other side of the kitchen door, yelling and whooping.

"Open up, you cringin' raccoons . . . or we're a-breaking every stick of this house down . . . an' every bone in every one o' your bodies!"

George Wyer rubbed his nose and cocked his gun. He didn't like to interfere with another body in this world, but he warn't no coward, and he wasn't aimin' to be called one, either. He stepped back from the door as the pounding got wilder. Thrust after thrust was splintering the door panels. He stood a few steps back, his hand on the gun's trigger. He nodded towards Mrs. Proxmeyer and her children. They backed against the farther wall, but each stood his ground without flinching. Fine stock, his wife came from, he decided in that one fleeting moment.

Then all the fires of Hades let loose. The door crashed open. Three men and a woman were waving sticks and pelting stones. One huge hunk of man was right behind the door and charged in. He waved a cane, crashing a taper off the kitchen table. With a swift movement, he pulled on the cane . . . out came a sword that gleamed in

the yellow light of a fat lamp on the wall. He swept his arm at Wyer. The sword pierced into Wyer's arm.

At that same instant, Wyer fired through the open door.

There was a moan from the group. Then a shriek from the woman. "He's been killed! That no good swine thar has killed Amos!"

George Wyer stood fast, his gun aimed out the open doorway, while his arm bled a steady thin stream onto the pine flooring.

The group of drunken rioters quieted down. David Peters, Phineas Shepherd, and a Mrs. Hackett and a neighbor of theirs . . . all from Trenton, sobered up swiftly. Amos Shepherd was dead. Just a little drinking party . . . and Amos met his death.

George Wyer slowly began to realize what he had done.

He had committed murder.

He looked back at his wife's mother. She was staring out the door, wanting to go see to the man Amos, but not daring. The children took a step towards the door and gazed out silently.

George put the gun down in a corner of the room. Hugging his bleeding arm close to him, he turned and slipped into the tavern. In another moment he had the door unlatched and was out.

He began to walk and walk. He looked back over one shoulder, first at the Proxmeyer shop . . . then at his own home. The faint glimmer of a taper burned in the parlor window, where his wife awaited him, while the little ones slept.

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Fashions for the Holidays!



Planning a holiday party? Perhaps for New Years Eve. Here are but three of the many outstanding "party dresses" from Bucks County Fashion houses.

Judy Smith is seen at left, pausing before a party at the Doylestown Inn. Judy selected her black sheath dress from Ely's Dress Shop in Doylestown. The sleeveless dress features an overblouse and a scalloped midriff. The bows on the shoulder add to the charm of this dress.

Ready for cocktails at the Warrington Country Club (bottom left), our model is wearing a sleeveless cocktail dress with a boat neckline. Fashioned in green silk, it is a sophisticated sheath with flying panels, and is one of a large selection of holiday fashions from The Carriage House in Doylestown.

Miss Bonnie Brown pauses for an hors d'oeuvre at the charming Water Wheel Inn. She is wearing a winter white wool jersey sheath from Mussleman's of Doylestown. The bodice is embroidered in gold thread, while the neckline and waist are trimmed with gold piping. Gold bows accent the waistline.



The Loveliest Bride

A holiday wedding, and reception at The Water Wheel Inn. Jewel Renner shows these lovely fashions from the Vogue Shoppe of Doylestown and Perkasio.

Here comes the bride (right) and she's wearing a pure silk Peau de Soir wedding gown with a lace applique and a belle skirt. A lovely bride in her gown from Vogue Shoppe.

Toasting the bride,

(At bottom right) Jewel models a Bridesmaid gown of brocade tafetta, with a Belle Skirt. Gown, \$29.95; Headdress, \$5.95; Gloves, \$2.95, Vogue Shoppe, Perkasio, and Doylestown.

Standing by the Water Wheel Inn fireplace in a photo for the wedding album, bridesmaid Jewel Renner is wearing a Long Bridesmaid dress of Peau de Soir, with a Belle Skirt. Gown, \$29.95, Headdress, \$5.95, and Gloves, \$3.95.

Fashions by The Vogue Shoppe, Setting, Water Wheel Inn.



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Stained Glass

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the skill of George Sotter. Enter the Church of Christ the King in Haddonfield, New Jersey and you will see not only the magnificent stained glass windows of Edward Byrne's . . . but an entire interior done by Byrne! The altar, pulpit, etc. are all his handiwork!

It is true, making stained glass windows is a high craft, traditionally learned through years of apprenticeship. However, it is heart-warming to

know small specimens of this ancient beauty can be brought into your home. Antique shops are laden now with lampshades or window panes from old houses . . . ready to grace your home. Even jewelry made from tiny bits of colored beach glass or bits of crystal can be obtained . . . or made by yourself with a little ingenuity. Stained glass front-doors and fanlights can sometimes be picked up when the wrecking crews are at work on an old Victorian house. Plaques and medallions by local artists are on sale at

almost any gift shop along the byways of Bucks. Right now during the Yuletide season, many small plaques are available depicting a Christmas scene.

What more beautiful way is there to wish the passer-by a Merry Christmas than through the gleam and beauty of stained glass shimmering in your window? Remember, too, its message is as simple and basic as that which met the eyes of the eager worshippers in the cathedrals of the Middle Ages!

Rum Corner

Until about 70 years ago, Fern-dale was known as Rum Corner. The name was derived, not due to any great consumption figures, but because the town boasted at one time as being the headquarters of a distiller.

The town of Fairless Hills in Falls Township was begun in 1951, and was named for U. S. Steel President, Benjamin W. Fairless.

Plumstead Township was named for Francis Plumstead, a London iron monger and one of the first non-resident land-owners. He never visited America.



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Shooting In The New Year

by

Helen Rowe

One of the finest things a newcomer to the rural parts of Bucks County notices, come New Year's Eve, is the sound of gunfire at the stroke of twelve.

This crack and snap from backyard to backyard is only a small sample of the echoing salvos that once filled the hill-sides and valleys of yesteryear's Bucks. Yes, a generation ago the Pennsylvania Dutch custom of "shooting in the New Year" held sway over the entire county. It was an exciting custom that ended one year and began another with full alarums and cymbals! Everyone . . . grown-ups and children alike . . . looked forward to this celebration with as much anticipation as they did Christmas.

In those days, old Bucks Countians recall, the last day of December began with the quiet preparation of the next day's feast by the womenfolk . . . and a lazy snooze by the coal stove on the part of the menfolk. But as the stroke of midnight drew near . . . the whole household was on its toes, wide awake. The women started setting out little cakes and pitchers of hard cider in the pantry, or gathering glasses and a bottle of "schnopp" (brandy) for the hoped-for guests. The men would don their warm coats, encase their heads in caps and ear muffs, grab their long-bar-

reled shotguns and step outside to join a band of neighbors assembled in the frosty air.

On the stroke of midnight, the volleys would begin. Perhaps the first sound came from a lone neighbor in the distant hills. A resounding volley from another neighbor or two on another hillside would respond. Then others from a valley, until salutes fired in salvos echoed and re-echoed all over the county.

In the villages, men in groups marched from house to house, tavern to tavern, firing guns over the rooftops. In some instances, the shooters were accompanied by men with horns, drums or other instruments to embellish the racket with added gusto.

Any household visited by the shooters was most honored. The whole family would assemble on the front porch in welcome. Of course, the shooters would be invited inside for a bit of cake and brandy. This procedure for a whole evening sent the shooters on their final way homeward in the early morning hours, wending quite a zig-zag course!

In the south of the United States, shooting off firearms and firecrackers is still a Yuletide custom. How the custom originated, no-one can say for sure. Some sources declare it sprang

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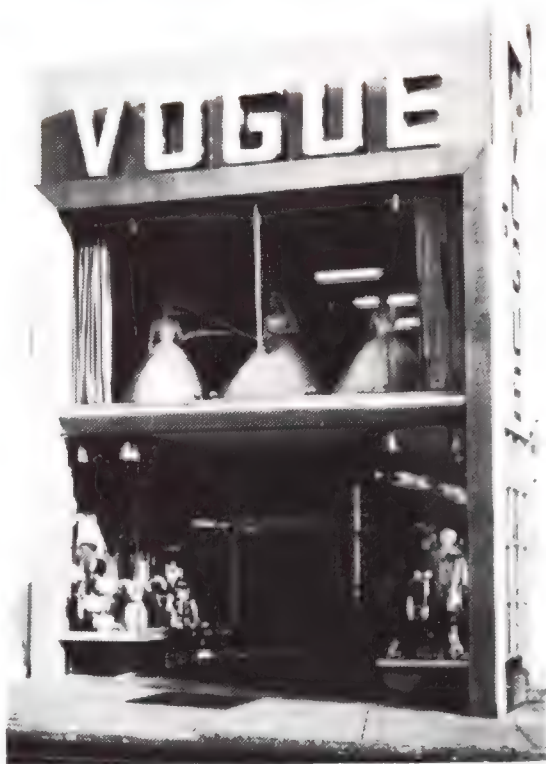


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As he hurried from the subway
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and sway,
But no one seemed to hear him,
Though he thought he heard
them say,
If I hold out over Christmas,
I'll see you New Years day.

But no one seemed to notice,
As he wandered through
the city
How thin the childish face was,
Too rushed, to glance or
pity.
For they had so much to cope
with,
A schedule tight, but neat,
With a picture in their mind's
eye
Of all their Christmas treats.
Ond so it is understandable,
There was no time to speak,
To a thin faced little boy,
Along a city street.

And so the boy despairing
Of finding the Christ Child
there,
Looked out across the masses,
And thought, he hadn't
been fair,
For many he had met, in
passing,
Looked tired from the toil
of the day,
And some had signs of illness,
So he had to excuse them,
this way.

And lo! he felt warm and
protected,
And thought, with the
coming snow,
It will be, for me, as a blanket,
To share with the Christ
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Dr. Mercer Builds His Castle

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Mr. Frankenfield is believed to be the last living survivor of the crew of men that constructed the Mercer Museum on South Pine Street. Chatting with Mr. Frankenfield about the building of the giant "castle like" structure brought out some interesting facts.

Dr. Henry Mercer, the man whose dream was the castle, had no blueprints for the building. He would come out in the morning and outline to the foreman what he wanted, and then the workman would go at it. His appearances at noon and in the evening were also to offer advice. The blueprints for the castle were in his "mind eye", much as he had remembered seeing such castles in Europe.

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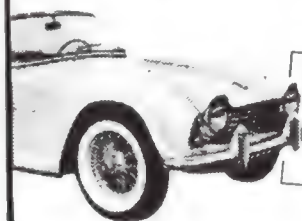
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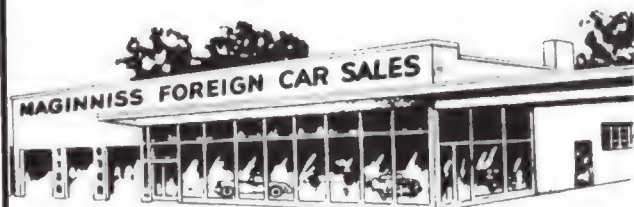


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Rambling with Russ

by

A. Russel Thomas

A HAPPY AND Prosperous New Year to all our PANORAMA readers, and to those who are subscribing for 1963. This corner sincerely believes that 1963 will be the most news-worthy year in history. Certainly 1962 was one to forget, for many folks. For instance, it was a year in which both major political parties in Bucks reached the stupidity stage, resulting in splits in both sides of the political fence. We believe that it is now time to close ranks and forget petty differences, and help make 1963 a year long to be remembered.

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LOOKING FORWARD in 1963: To the elimination of Pennsylvania's roughest bit of highway (Route 611) between County Line and Doylestown Boro, to be replaced by a modern multiple-lane thorough-fare . . . To a new State street through Doylestown's mid-town shopping district . . . To a handsome new Lutheran Church and a new Episcopal Church School . . . To the 128th annual dinner-meeting of the Union Horse Company at the Doylestown American Legion Home on Saturday, February 9 . . . To a new \$1 million hospital on the grounds of the Neshaminy Manor Home and a new Bucks County Prison Farm to be built nearby . . . To a new warden at the Bucks County Prison, replacing the one and only Earl D. Handy, who is retiring after years of efficient and faithful service . . . To the advantages of urban renewal in both the county and municipalities . . . To the day when telephones are installed in the press room of Bucks county's new 7½ million Courthouse . . . To the day when all three Bucks county commissioners can agree on at least the majority of projects presented . . . To the day and hour when the acoustics in Court Room No. 1 of Bucks county's handsome new courthouse are greatly improved . . . To the day when some smart feller can invent something to take the place of the parking meter.

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UNSELFISH SERVICE: Not many folks know it, but the Thrift Shop in the basement of the Hayman-Radcliff Building on West State Street, Doylestown, sponsored by Welcome House—an adoption agency—remembered the agency at Christmastime with a check for \$1,200. This was in addition to a monthly donation to Welcome House of \$275 . . . The Thrift Shop is operated by some 70 volunteers, all women, who donate their services as clerks and sales people . . . Thrift Shop handles antiques and clothing for men, women and children . . . The ladies who make this Thrift Shop possible, deserve the highest rating possible in community service.

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POTPOURRI: Every so often we are shocked by the untimely passing of a personal friend and companion . . . Among a legion of friends, this reporter will greatly miss the always loyal and friendly REX BROWN, whose death occurred in December . . . Did you know that the birthstone for January is the Garnet, the meaning is Constancy and the flower is the Carnation . . . Deputy Sheriff Walter E. Bachmann is recuperating from an ankle-fracture sustained when he fell on a highly-polished step in the new Bucks County Courthouse, while assisting a fellow-employee through a pitch-dark court room . . . The annual banquet of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers Association will be held Monday night, January 28 at the Hotel Sheraton.

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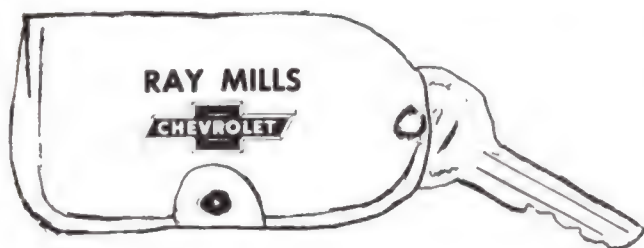
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THE CASE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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George kept on walking. He couldn't go home. Not now. Not ever. He had murdered a man!

For many months the beer shop riot and murder kept on every man's tongue in Bucks County. The newspapers told and retold the story. Constables of every township and county were on the lookout for George B. Wyer. Nowhere could he be found.

But a man's heart aches for his own and for his home, no matter what he has done. Over four years later, Wyer returned to the area. In January of 1867, he was recognized in Trenton and picked up, charged with murder. Overnight, the story was rekindled. Witnesses were assembled, a jury chosen... the trial under way.

Mrs. Hackett and Phineas Shepherd and David Peters stated that the group was most peaceable. They had simply forgotten some coats and were trying to gain re-entrance to obtain them, when Wyer shot through the door, killing Amos.

But Mrs. Proxmeyer and her children, aged 15 to 17, told another story. They told how Wyer came to help them, and how he'd protected them... all of them from death by the drunken group.

The jury deliberated no more than a half hour. Here was a man "not to be suspected of any disposition to maliciously take the life of a fellow human being..."

The verdict came back "Not guilty".

After four years and a half of running... George Wyer was absolved of blame. He was free. Free to be home again and a good man, disposed only to quiet living and to minding his own affairs. A good Samaritan who had earned his neighbors' understanding.

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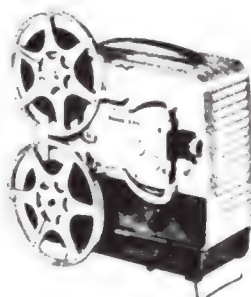
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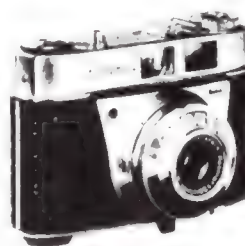
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No more professional help! We called in my wife's brothers which wasn't difficult because they're always down in the kitchen, anyhow. They are an able-bodied brood of Irishmen who know all about motors and things, not that motors and things have anything to do with a new bathtub. It was determined at a meeting of the clan, my kitchen, my beer, that among them they knew enough people who knew enough people that the fixtures could be bought and installed for a song. It turned out to be a Lower East Side Irish Melody. The first thing they did was to turn off all the water. It was the beginning of an era which we now look back on as the time of the six-week drought in the desert of New Galena.

It certainly was never my intention to become an early morning dart shooter but one doesn't just go barging into the corner taproom every morning for six weeks without making friends. Obviously I couldn't drink for breakfast; I did that at night staying as far away as I could from my own home during the time of the trouble. The brothers' wives and their infant children came to live in and in addition to miles of copper tubing the hallway represented an obstacle course which now included not one but two tubs, (the new one in robin's egg purple). The brothers, *her* brothers, worked at it when they could, like every other Sunday night between Ed Sullivan and Candid Camera. My wife and I grew apart . . . and dry. "Water!", I'd gasp. "DON'T YOU DARE PICK ON MY BROTHERS!", she'd scream.

Well, it's in and they're gone and I have my books and a discounted purple bathtub. I also have the satisfaction of knowing that in an age when demi-gods have risen on the ashes of burned books, I have sacrificed much in the name of literature and a warm tub. The money we saved in doing it themselves will come in handy . . . after I pay the carpenter (who had to come back when the courthouse stones crashed through the living room ceiling) and the registered plumber who had to be called in to make one slight adjustment. Somehow I knew even if I don't know about motors and things that the shower belonged up on the wall and not in the water closet. It was supposed to be a joke or something. My wife said I lost my sense of humor. Not as quickly as I lost my in-laws, I can assure you.

In the meantime, if you're ever over this way, come on it, the water's fine, and you can row right over to Huck Finn up there on the wall. Watch out for falling rocks, though!

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The man who goes out on the limb gathers the fruit.

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The wife who has good horse sense never becomes a nag.

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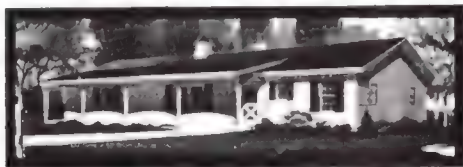
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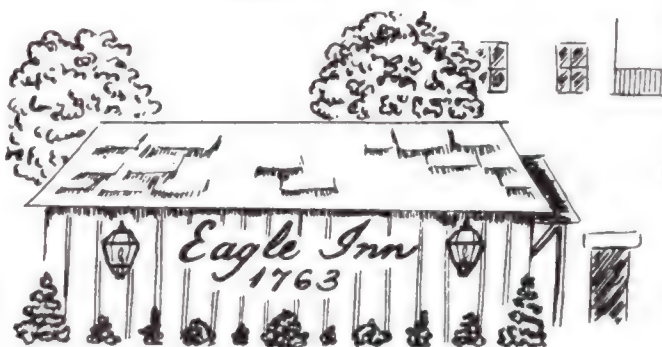
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bushes we beat it back home to our warm beds while he stood out there getting chilled to the bone. How long the victim stood there waiting for the catch depended upon how long it took for him to realize that he was a dupe.

So much for this almost-forgotten trick, but what is an Elbetrtsch? The word "Elbe" stems from the old German word "Alp," which means nightmare, but the Anglo-saxon form of "Elbe" has since been changed to "Elf" meaning "Fairy".

In old German folklore an Alp was a witch or evil person that appeared in the form of a nightmare, laying itself heavily on the chest of a sleeping person, making it impossible for him to move or make a sound while experiencing horrible dreams. The Alp was also believed to be able to spirit itself into the crib of a new-born babe and "hexing" it by allowing the babe to nurse from the Alp's breast. To prevent this it was the custom to place a comb in the child's crib or cradle, or to hang a pair of the father's trousers across the bed. Another belief was that the placing of an old broom crosswise under the crib would ward off the Alf.

Alp or Elbe, whichever you choose, it gave rise to the word Elbetrtsch which came to mean an awkward, simple person who has been taken in by the Elbe. Are there still some around? Try it and see!

Au Revoir, Noel

The Christmas "PUTZ" has seen a better day,
The needles long since fell from off the tree,
The youngster packs his 'lectric train away
And leaves the cleanup job for Ma and Me.

The merry-making guests depart,
The revelry and tumult cease,
Though Christmas means much to my heart
I hope I now can rest in peace.

The holidays they too have gone
With all their joys and fads and frills,
And many a man is pale and wan
From adding up December bills.

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In spite of all these thoughts in verse,
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Christmas, New Year's—the end of one year and the beginning of another. This is always a most happy time of the year. We hope that sometime during the busy activities of shopping, celebrating, rejoicing, we all will take time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas . . . and whose birthday Christmas commemorates. It seems funny that we have to be reminded, but the hustle and bustle of life at this time of year tends to make us forget the quiet simple birth that took place 1962 years ago. Think about it . . . and Merry CHRIST-MAS!

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Our good friend ANN HAWKES HUTTON has just recently had a new book published, and it is one that should belong in every Pennsylvanian's library. The title of the new work is "The PENNSYLVANIAN," telling the life and times of longtime political czar of the Keystone State, JOSEPH GRUNDY. We found it hard to put the book down after starting to read it. Mrs. Hutton has written a fine, well documented and most interesting book on one of Bucks County's most controversial "gifts" to the world. After reading the book, the reader has a much better understanding of the man "Uncle Joe" Grundy. The book, published by Dorrace at \$4.95, is available at all booksellers, and is highly recommended by this column. Ann Hawkes Hutton is chairman of the Bucks County Historical and Tourist Commission, Chairman of the Board of Historic Fallsington, and about a dozen other such groups. This is her fourth book.

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SPEAKING of books, a children's book about life along the Delaware Canal in New Hope in the mid nineteenth century, "A TUNE FOR THE TOWPATH" by JANE FLORY is causing quite a stir in book sales recently. The book has illustrations by the author, and has delighted all youngsters who have read it. LAURA LOU BROOKMAN at The Delaware Book Shop in New Hope introduced the book locally. Miss Brookman sponsored a contest in several local schools in connection with the book. The children wrote "reviews" and did some illustrations suggested by events in the story. They are quite cute, and are on display at the New Delaware Book Shop in New Hope.

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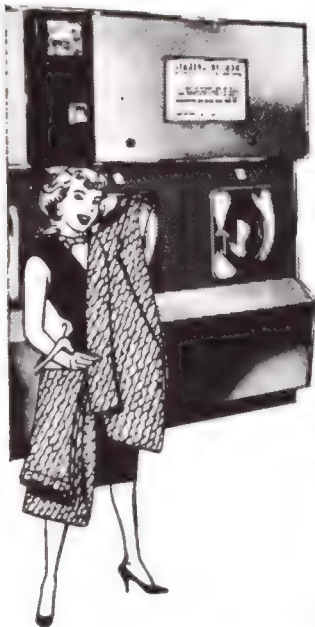
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"For cash?" inquired the father.

"Well, practically" was the proud reply. "I swapped him for two \$25,000. cats."

Miss JEANETTE ATKINS recently joined the Bucks County Department of Health staff as Director of Nursing. Miss Atkins resides in Warminster, Bucks County.

OLD CLOTHES? The St. James Lutheran Church in Chalfont is collecting used clothing and bedding for Christian relief work around the world. The church delivers all clothing to the Lutheran World Relief who in turn distributes it to needy persons around the world without regard to religious affiliation. Clothing may be left at the Parrish House of St. James Church in Chalfont. Here is a chance to clean out your closets and help others at the same time. Why not today?

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. CARL SHAFER III on the birth of a son, John. Another nephew for "Uncle Dick".

Chalfont's TONY HYDE, now with the Merchant Marine, is on a trip to Japan, and then 'round the world'. Sounds like fun.

TIM DICK of Doylestown has left for a job in South America. He will be there two years.

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Doylestown Real Estate man BOB LIPPINCOTT was recently elected president of The Bucks County Board of Realtors. Congratulations, Bob! Other officers elected by the group include: ROBERT C. RUEHL, JR., of Morrisville as 1st Vice President; ALLAN W. WILLIAMS of Feasterville as 2d Vice President; GEORGE R. SMITH of Doylestown as Treasurer; JOHN J. CONNOLLY of Levittown as Recording Secretary; and ALFRED PATTON of Doylestown as Executive Secretary. The board has increased membership by 20% this past year, making it the fourth largest in the State of Pennsylvania!

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Speaking of wedding bells, our good friend TONY OTT and JENNI HERSCHLER will 'unite' on January 18.

WILMA KUMMER and HENRY FRETZ recently were married. Congratulations! Wilma is appearing Friday and Saturday nites at the Doylestown Inn "Jug-In-The-Wall." She plays both the accordion and the electric organ for dancing and listening enjoyment.

Pineville's RICH DUVAL is out of the Marine Corps. Rich and his "pa" will soon move to the County Seat where they will take up residence at The Spruce Court Apartments.

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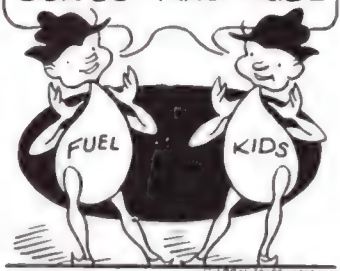
The CARL JAMES TRIO is now appearing Friday and Saturday evenings at the new "County Seat Inn," (formerly The Rainbow Lounge). The James Trio will also be at the County Seat Inn for the New Year's Eve party.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR ROGERS on the birth of a 9 lb. 3 oz. son. Mother is finé, father is recovering, but "grandpa" Benkert is still a nervous wreck.

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REMEMBER WHEN



This old photo shows a sleet storm that hit Bucks County back in 1910. This scene was taken, reportedly, at Plumsteadville. Note the trolley tracks at left of photo. (Roy Kulp Collection)

New Year

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from the early days in America when the settler lived too far from his neighbor to convene in celebration, so they shot their greetings to each other. Other historians feel the custom goes back to the ancient habit of making noises to frighten away evil spirits.

In any case, Pennsylvania leads the United States in the loudest New Year's custom . . . shooting in the New Year. There could be only one noisier demonstration: put a group of Pennsylvania Dutchmen on Times Square at the stroke of midnight!

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PANORAMA Historical Editor ROY C. KULP recently lectured at the CBHS Adult School, and will soon journey to Virginia for a lecture series in that state at the Eastern Mennonite College. By the way, Mr. Kulp recently revised an old historical work on Montgomery County and it will soon be published in book form.

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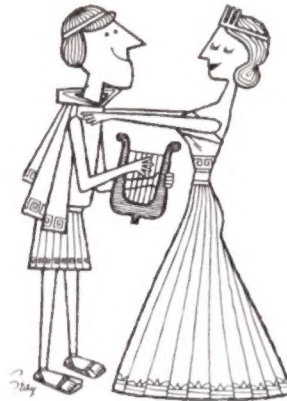
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ODDS AND ENDS: A brand new banking headquarters for the Doylestown Federal Savings and Loan, will be erected this year on the parking lot owned by the association, adjacent to the Bucks County Office Building, off Monument Square . . . Justice of the Peace "Clayt" Lewis, who recovered nicely from a visit to the Doylestown Hospital several months ago, is carrying on his official business, as well as selling automobiles for Bill Kline's Doylestown-Pontiac Agency . . . Veteran Newsman and Publisher Gordon Cooper and his weekly column in "The New Hope News", are well worth the \$3-a-year subscription rate . . . His "Town Crier" and "Philosophy and Foolishness" columns are journalistic gems.

IN SHORTS: My favorite news reporter, "Les" Trauch, is now covering the weekly meetings of the Bucks County Commissioners for a local daily, in splendid style, by the way . . . To Prison Warden Earl Handy and Mrs. Handy, prison matron, we wish the best of happiness on their retirement . . . Glad to see Tonsorialist Randy Nelson back on the job after a shattered collarbone suffered while inspecting the new Episcopal Church school in D-Town . . . The new benches in the judicial wing of the Bucks County Courthouse are supported by highly-polished marble legs that remind one of a cemetery with un-marked tombstones . . . There are reports that the Navy is working on an atomic submarine not far from Bucks County, which will stay under water for four solid years—coming up just long enough to allow the crew to re-enlist.

THIRTY: After pulling out half the stock in an unsuccessful attempt to please a pernickety customer, a salesman in a West State Street shoe store, mopped his brow and inquired "Mind if I rest a moment, lady? Your feet are killing me!"

POSTSCRIPT: Did you know that if you had ever visited Tooqueminsey, you would have been in an Indian town in Solebury Township . . . that fishing in Robin Run would take you to the northwestern section of Buckingham Township . . . Camping on Mink Island would place you in the Delaware River at the mouth of Scotts Creek in Falls Township . . . that Slobbery Run is located in the southeastern Plumstead Township area, tumbling through a rocky ravine about a quarter mile east of Lower Black Eddy emptying into the Delaware Division Canal . . . that Timbucktoo was the name of an early settlement of negroes in Middletown Township . . . that White Horse was not always Scotch Whiskey but was a village on the township line between East and West Rockhill Townships . . . that a ride to Bowman's Hill in Solebury Township many years ago would take you by an Indian town named Winnahawchunik . . . that Kuglers Roost is a hill of some 600 feet elevation in southeastern Milford Township, a mile south of Trumbauersville, and to visit Kildorpy you would have to travel to Falls Township, while a jaunt to Jugtown would take you to Tinicum Township between Erwinna and Uhlerstown.

THIS IS THE END: Names of places have tremendous human interest. Men have fought over them, and oftentimes a proposal for a change will meet with violent community opposition. A place name is not easily destroyed. And so it was that just 20 years ago this last Christmas my good wife enriched the small reference library in our home with a copy of "Place Names In Bucks County", autographed by the author and my personal friend, the late George MacReynolds, librarian of The Bucks County Historical Society.

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